

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Objection to the drawings and specification:

The drawings are objected to because Figure 5 contains reference sign 58, which is not mentioned in the description.

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The specification recites the language "...be **n** a region..." in paragraph [0009]. The Examiner interprets as "...be **in** a region..." and suggests replacing said language to help clarify the specification. Appropriate correction is required.

10 **Response:**

Paragraphs [0009] and [0028] have been amended to correct these errors. Acceptance of the amended specification is respectfully requested.

2. Rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b):

15 Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cheon (US 6,484,016).

Response:

20 Claim 1 has been amended to distinguish from Cheon. Claim 1 now recites that a first housing comprises a first rotating component with a first hole located at one end of the first rotating component. Similarly, a second housing comprises a second rotating component with a second hole located at one end of the second rotating component. Furthermore, the claimed mobile phone also comprises "a single rotating axis component having a first side for inserting into only an end of
25 the first rotating component that is opposite the end of the first rotating component with the first hole, and a second side for inserting into only an end of the second rotating component that is opposite the end of the second rotating component with the second hole". All amendments to claim 1 are fully supported in the figures and the specification as filed, particularly in Figures 8 and 9 and in
30 paragraph [0030] of the specification. No new matter is added.

5 In contrast, neither Cheon nor the Applicant's Admitted Prior Art teaches the use of a single rotating axis component installed at an end of the first rotating component and an end of the second rotating component opposite the ends of the first and second holes, as claimed. By installing the rotating axis component at an end opposite the first and second holes, the rotating axis component does not squeeze the flexible printed circuit (FPC) or hinder the motion of the FPC, thereby extending the life of the FPC.

10 For these reasons, the applicant submits that the currently amended claim 1 is patentable over the cited prior art. Reconsideration of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

3. Rejection of claims 2-9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

15 Claims 2-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheon (US 6,484,016) in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art.

Response:

20 Claims 2-9 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 2-9 is therefore respectfully requested.

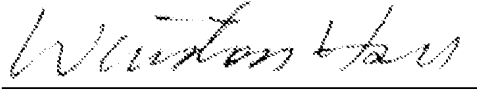
In view of the claim amendments and the above arguments in favor of patentability, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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